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In re the Application of:)
McDonough et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634t
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AMPLIFICATION)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 AND 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed January 12, 1999 ("Paper 23"). Enclosed herewith please find a petition for a one-month extension of time so as to make this response timely.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims by deleting the bracketed material and inserting that which is underlined:

94. (Amended) A helper probe [consisting essentially of] comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of [:] SEQ. ID NO: 9[,] and SEQ ID NO: 10.

95. (Amended) A helper probe [consisting essentially of] comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of [:] SEQ. ID NO: 4[,] and SEQ ID NO: 5.